

war and was mustered out with the rank of first lieutenant. He then returned to Illinois to practice his profession and was married in 1864.

In 1886 he was nominated by the republicans of the fifth district for young manhood he soon demonstrated his powers and in 1870 he moved with his family to Grundy Center, Iowa.

Soon after coming to Iowa he entered the field as proprietor and editor of the New Century and later from 1883 to 1888 he owned the Grundy Center Argus. In 1877 he had the honor of being elected as the first mayor of Grundy Center.

In 1883 Mr. Kerr was elected a member of the legislature of Iowa and was a great leader. In 1884 he was chosen elector on the Blaine and Logan ticket.

In 1886 he was nominated by the republicans of the fifth district for congress and elected by a good majority.

Daniel Kerr was clean, upright and a man of high ideals, honored by all and a man in need was never turned from his door. He was a devout member of the first presbyterian church and was correct in practice as well as theory of the golden rule "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do even so unto them."

Mr. Kerr was a man whose place in his community would be difficult to fill by another for a man of such unusual character and one whose conception of life as big and broad as his leaves a lasting impression on any community and his memory should never be forgotten.

To honor his memory, it is therefore,

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the journal of the House as an expression of our appreciation and that of the state, for one who was of so much service to her interests.

W. A. MOOTY.

W. N. GILBERT.

F. P. MOWERY,

*Committee.*

Adopted January 25, 1917.

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HON. GEORGE H. PURDY.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and public service of the honorable Geo. H. Purdy, state representative in the thirty-sixth general assembly, report as follows:

Mr. Purdy was born in Ontario, Canada, August 27, 1866, of American parentage. He moved with his parents to Mason City, Iowa, in 1869, where he attended the public schools and later Cornell college at Mt. Vernon, where he took the civil engineering course, afterwards engaging in the grocery business at Spencer, Iowa, for ten years. He was married at Spencer, Iowa, May 20, 1891, to Hattie Flint, and to this union four children were born. In 1899 he moved

back to Mason City and was engaged in the growing and jobbing of fruit and raising registered Duroc-Jersey swine, moving to Rockford, Iowa, in 1910. He held township and town offices, and was elected representative in 1914.

Mr. Purdy was a republican in politics, a member of the Congregational church, and was a member of the Masonic lodge, the Order of the Eastern Star and of the Knights of Pythias. He died at Mason City on the 19th day of April, 1915.

Mr. Purdy was a man of honor and integrity and stood high in the confidence and esteem of his associates. He was kind, considerate, generous, and served well in every capacity in which he was engaged; therefore, be it

Resolved, that in the death of Hon. Geo. H. Purdy, the state has lost a worth yand influential citizen, and that we extend to his relatives and friends our sincere sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution of respect and appreciation be printed in the journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

GEO. H. DUNKELBERG,

J. C. GRASON,

B. J. HORCHEM.

*Committee.*

Adopted January 30, 1917.

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HON. JOHN FOX.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee, appointed to present resolutions with respect to the life and service of John Fox, late of Dallas county, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

John Fox, late of Dallas county, Iowa, was born in Yorkshire, England, January 24 1841. He was one of that great company that have come to America from the old world seeking here the opportunity that is the crowning gift of a democracy. He grew to young manhood among the hills of Pennsylvannia. In his twenty-first year, when about to enter upon full American citizenship, he gave proof of his appreciation of the land of his adoption by volunteering for its defense. He enlisted as a member of Company G 20th Ohio Volunteers in September 1861, and was honorably discharged in 1864. He came to Iowa in 1869 as a part of that wonderful home-loving and home-seeking movement of the fifties and sixties. He was seeking and found a home upon the virgin soil of Dallas county, where he long lived, contributing his full share in the development of the state. He represented Dallas county as a member of the House of Representatives in the 32nd (regular and special sessions) and 33rd general assemblies, serving with credit upon many important committees. On all moral questions especially he was a strong champion of the right. He was a faithful member of the Methodist church, an active worker in the Grand Army of the Republic and a prominent